CRIMPVILLE COMMENTS

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TRAFFIC BUILDERS!

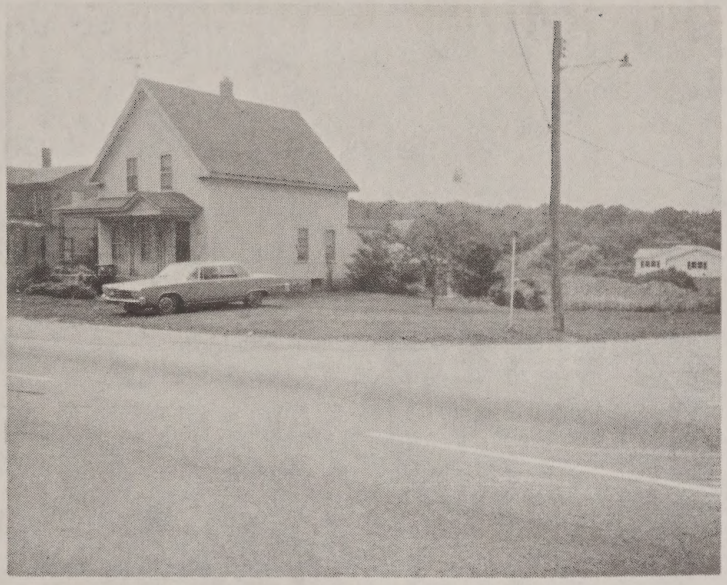
In a recent broadcast on the Opinion Program over Radio Station WNRI, Bernard McGann, an executive of the Company doing the revaluation for the Town of Bellingham, was asked by a woman caller if a thru-way affected property values and his answer was a definite "yes!" The reason given was that property located in an area of heavy traffic is much more hard to sell. It stands to reason that no one with a family would buy a home near a hazard such as presented by a thruway. Now, how about those of us who are already located in the area of the wide Route 126? We stand to lose $3000 to $4000 in property values and if we live on the road itself, we stand to lose even more because of the smaller piece of land that is left after this horror is completed. Now, if you think this will reduce your tax rate, don't be deceived. The revaluation of your property will take place before the new road is built and your value will be as your property now exists. How do we stop this? Certainly not by talking to our Selectmen as anyone who has appeared before this board with a complaint has been given stock answers like, "We are well aware of the problem", and "We will take it under advisement", and that's the last you will hear of it. The State Officials are not any better as they are masters of the white-wash job, and will probably refer you to our august board of Selectmen. Our best bet is with Federal Officials like Edward Kennedy or Senator Brookes. Years ago Great Grand-dad to protect his his property barred his door with a hunting knife and said his prayers with his shotgun cocked." We may yet have to protect what is ours by the same method, because who else will help us, surrounded as we are by politicians who are not interested in our best interests, but in their quest for power. Is it not time for YOU to become concerned or are you going to meekly allow them to take what is rightly yours?

What have you got to lose? Traffic!

Good Old Days

Pictured below is the old boot shop in the Caryville section of Bellingham as it was around 1864. William Fairbanks was the owner of the shop and about ninety men were employed there. Heavy boots were manufactured for the army and also for the miners in the West. Seven thousand cases, each containing twelve pairs of boots, were mamufactured each year. Mr. Fairbanks died in 1875 and the boot shop burned down a year after his death with an estimated loss of $100,000, a tidy sum in those days. The shop was never rebuilt. It is interesting to note that in 1864, more men worked on boots in Bellingham than in any other occupation. Interesting too, is the manner in which the boot cases were packed in the wagons. Looking at the picture, you will see that the cases are loaded in an odd manner, and we think it was due to the rough dirt roads in that era. In the picture shown on the next page, is the home of John Cooper, 470 Hartford Avenue which stands on the site of the old boot shop. The house is also on the corner of Stone Street, which used to be the trolly tracks to Milford and many a trolly wen went zipping through the woods to Milford for the great sum

of five cents! Our thanks go to Chester Hood, our local antique dealer on South Main Street in South Bellingham who loaned us the fine picture of the boot shop. As far as we know this is the only picture of the shop in existance. In our next issue we will print a picture of a Sunday School Outing of the Center Bap Baptist Church which was taken in 1937. Watch for it and see if you can identify any of the people shown in the picture.



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SEE IT NOW — Remember the early days of television when we had many programs like Edgar Bergan and Charlie McCarthy? They were good for many laughs. We don't seem to get good programs like that anymore. But cheer up for all is not lost! You can still see shows like Edgar Bergan, Charlie McCarthy and even Mortimer Snerd on certain nights right in our own Town Hall and in person to boot! Why not attend and get a few laughs in this drab old world of ours. See it now! It might make you laugh or it might make you mad. It might even make you sick and then things might just change.

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